(b) if so, what will be the approximate cost of such a scheme;

(c) is the whole amount to be spent for the scheme from the coffers of the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a), (b) and (c) No undertaking has been given nor any decision come to in the matter. Government have, however, just started a survey of the scheme.

Road Board—Final orders on.

47. **Mr. A Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether final orders are passed on the reports of the Road Board; if so, when; what are the terms of the order?

(b) will they kindly give instructions to the Department executing the work to

(i) give due prominence of the necessity of the various works being done departmentally;

(ii) to insist that labour for the works be recruited locally, as far as possible; and

(iii) that savings in the works of any locality be utilised for other works in the same locality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Orders on the Road Board Reports were passed in the Government Proceedings Pw3.1262 of 1111, dated 29th September 1936; these have been published in the Government Gazette of 10th October 1936.

(b)

(i) The general practice in the P. W. D. is to get the works done by contract. It is not considered necessary to do these road works departmentally.

(ii) According to the terms of the tender notice and agreements, items of work requiring unskilled labour have to be executed by contractors through coolies recruited from the locality in which the work is executed.

(iii) The suggestion is not feasible of being adopted.

Public Library—Lighting arrangements.

48. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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whether they are aware that there is no light in the passage that leads from the outer door of the hall to the room of the public library?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes. There is no light at present. One will be put up soon.

Accommodation— Pazhanji High School.

49. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty** *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether accommodation cannot be provided for the Pazhanji High School in 1112 itself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—No.

Patrol Boat—Excise Department.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to build a patrol boat for the Cochin Excise for detecting cases of smuggling in our backwaters?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*—Yes.

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